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Pedestrian Safety

Walking is a fun, safe and healthy way to get to school. Children under the age of ten need to cross the street with an adult or older child. Teachers can be good role models for children as they copy what adults do.

Practise these 'Back to School' tips with children:

- STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN for traffic
- Look both ways before crossing the street
- Watch for cars backing out of parking spaces and driveways
- Cross only at corners and crosswalks and only when it is safe
- Never run into the street
- Remove head phones and put away cell phones when crossing
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street
- Wear reflective or light-coloured clothing at night, or on cloudy days

Pedestrian Safety Lesson Plans

The Risk Watch pedestrian safety lessons provide teachers with traffic sign and signal cards, traffic safety poems, reflection scenarios with "what if" questions, as well as gym games and art activities to reinforce safe practices.

There are also family activities, information and letters to take home.

Parents and caregivers can learn how to stay a step ahead at:
<http://www.toronto.ca/health/injuryprevention/>



www.riskwatch.org





Family Fire Safety

The Fall is now here, and Canadian families will now spend more time indoors, especially as daylight hours are reduced. Statistics show that we have more fires in the colder months as we begin to spend time cooking in the kitchen, or in front of a warm fireplace (both great places to be on a cold autumn day!). However, it's time to begin focussing our fire safety efforts on the family, and preventing needless fires from occurring in the first place. Here are a few Fall fire safety tips to discuss with your students that will help keep them and their families safe:

- Are grown-ups staying in the kitchen when kids are cooking?
- Pot handles should be turned inwards so they cannot be bumped
- Fireplaces should be equipped with a sturdy screens to prevent hot embers from escaping
- Are grownups ensuring that fireplaces and chimneys are inspected every year by professionals?
- If candles are used, are they being monitored and have they been placed in sturdy bases?
- Matches and lighters are tools for adults only and should be stored in a secure place away from children
- In homes with young children, plastic covers should be used to cover electrical receptacles
- Electrical cords should not be situated beneath mats or rugs where they can become worn and frayed
- Smoke alarms are required by law on every level of the home and near all sleeping quarters
- Every family needs a home escape plan - are families planning ahead and having home fire drills a few times a year?



Practice these important home safety steps and you too can prevent fire before it happens!

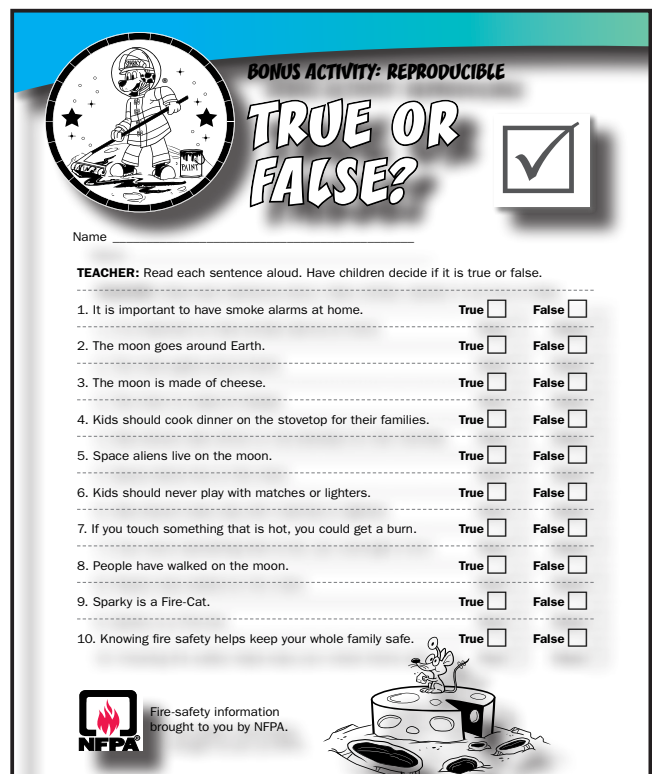
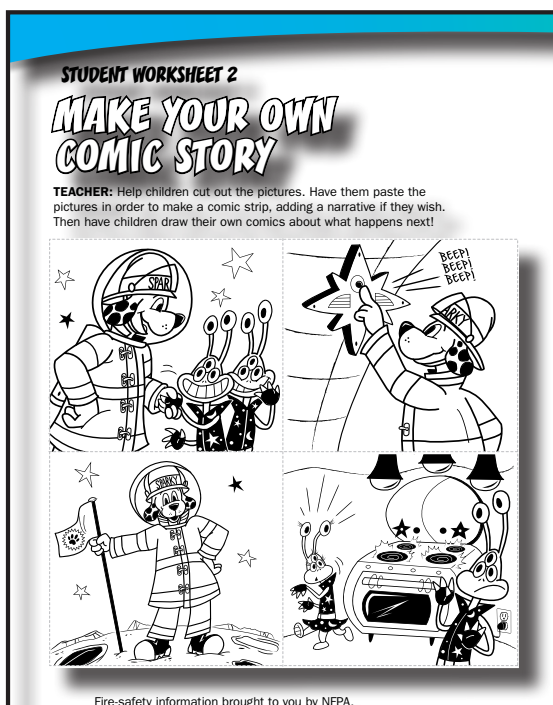


SCHOLASTIC SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

TEACHERS, THE SCHOLASTIC WEBSITE HAS GREAT FIRE SAFETY SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR YOU TO USE IN YOUR CLASSROOM! DOWNLOADABLE POSTERS, WORKSHEETS, AND LESSON PLANS, WHICH CAN BE PRINTED FOR YOUR STUDENTS, OR USED ON YOUR CLASSROOM WHITEBOARD.

STUDENTS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN SPARKY COMIC STRIPS, COMPLETE FIRE SAFETY QUIZZES, OR PLAY FIRE SAFETY GAMES AS WELL.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/FIRESAFETY



What's On

- October 9-15, 2011 Fire Prevention Week www.firepreventionweek.org or www.toronto.ca/fire
- October 3-7, 2011 International Walk to School Week www.saferoutestoschool.ca
- October 17-23, 2011 National School Safety Week www.safety-council.org

Tips & Statistics

Being hit by a motor vehicle is one of the main causes of death for children 1-14 years old.

Traffic injuries are more likely to occur:

Close to home

Near main roads

In September / October and May / June between 3:00- 6:00 pm.

Decreasing vehicle speed, particularly around school zones, can significantly reduce injury risk and create safer environments for pedestrians.

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds.

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms, and advance planning — a home fire escape plan that everyone in your family is familiar with and has practiced.

For more information contact:

Toronto Public Health (416) 338-7600 toronto.ca/health/injuryprevention

Toronto Fire Services (416) 338-9272 toronto.ca/fire/prevention

Risk Watch Canada resources were designed by Canadian teachers and safety experts to incorporate safety lessons into daily lesson plans in core subject areas. Contact your TFS Public Educator, or Public Health Nurse to discuss how Risk Watch can meet curriculum expectations.